

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

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1-10. (Cancelled)

Please add the following new claims:

5        11. (New) An electrical connector arrangement for an implantable medical device, said arrangement comprising:  
          a female connector part having a longitudinal bore therein adapted to receive a male connector part entering said bore in a first longitudinal direction;  
10        a locking plate disposed in said bore having an opening therein and having at least one tongue formed in said plate projecting into said opening;  
          a pivot element disposed in said bore;  
          a longitudinally displaceable element disposed in said bore, said 15        locking plate being disposed in said bore between said pivot element and said longitudinally displaceable element; and  
          said at least one tongue of said locking plate being spring biased to a first position adapted to engage and lock said male connector part in said bore, and being moved to a second position, free of said male connector part, by longitudinal displacement of said longitudinally displaceable element in said bore in a second longitudinal direction opposite to said first longitudinal direction, 20        forcing said at least one tongue against said pivot element.  
          12. (New) An electrical connector arrangement as claimed in claim  
25        11 wherein said female connector part comprises a hollow cylindrical element having an end wall with a central opening therein communicating with said bore.  
          13. (New) An electrical connector arrangement as claimed in claim  
          12 wherein said pivot element is disposed at said end wall adjacent said 30        opening.  
          14. (New) An electrical connector arrangement as claimed in claim  
          13 wherein said pivot element comprises a flange surrounding said opening.

15. (New) An electrical connector arrangement as claimed in claim  
13 wherein said pivot element comprises, for each tongue, a stud disposed at  
said end wall adjacent said opening.

16. (New) An electrical connector arrangement as claimed in claim  
5 11 wherein said locking plate comprises a washer having a plurality of  
tongues projecting into said opening and defining a spacing in said opening  
that is smaller than a diameter of said male connector part.

17. (New) An electrical connector arrangement as claimed in claim  
16 comprising two tongues disposed opposite each other in said opening.

10 18. (New) An electrical connector arrangement as claimed in claim  
16 comprising at least three tongues symmetrically projecting into said  
opening.

19. (New) An electrical connector arrangement as claimed in claim  
11 wherein said longitudinally displaceable element comprises a plunger  
15 having a central plunger bore therein adapted to receive said male connector  
part, said plunger being slidable in said bore of said female connector part.

20. (New) An electrical connector arrangement as claimed in claim  
19 wherein said central plunger bore has a peripheral edge mechanically  
acting on a peripheral portion of said at least one tongue to force said at least  
one tongue against said pivot element.